

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes a replacement sheet with changes to Fig. 1B. Specifically, the view number is changed to read “Fig. 1B” (it previously read “Figure 1B Section A-A”).

REMARKS

Claims 11-15, 17-19, 21-23, 25, 26, 59 and 60 are pending (claims 51, 53, 56, 58, 64 and 65 being cancelled by this amendment).

In the aforesaid Office Action, claims 11-15, 17-18, 51, 53, 56, 58 and 64-65 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph, and claims 19-23, 25, 26, 59 and 60 were allowed. Applicants have amended claim 11 to set forth, in part, that the mandrel is between and spaced apart from an outer surface of an inner tubular member of the shaft and an inner surface of an outer tubular member of the shaft.


The Examiner objected to the drawings, stating that in Figure 1B the section "A-A" is noted and is not on Figure 1A. Applicants have amended the drawings accordingly, and have attached a replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing the changes made.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and issuance of a timely Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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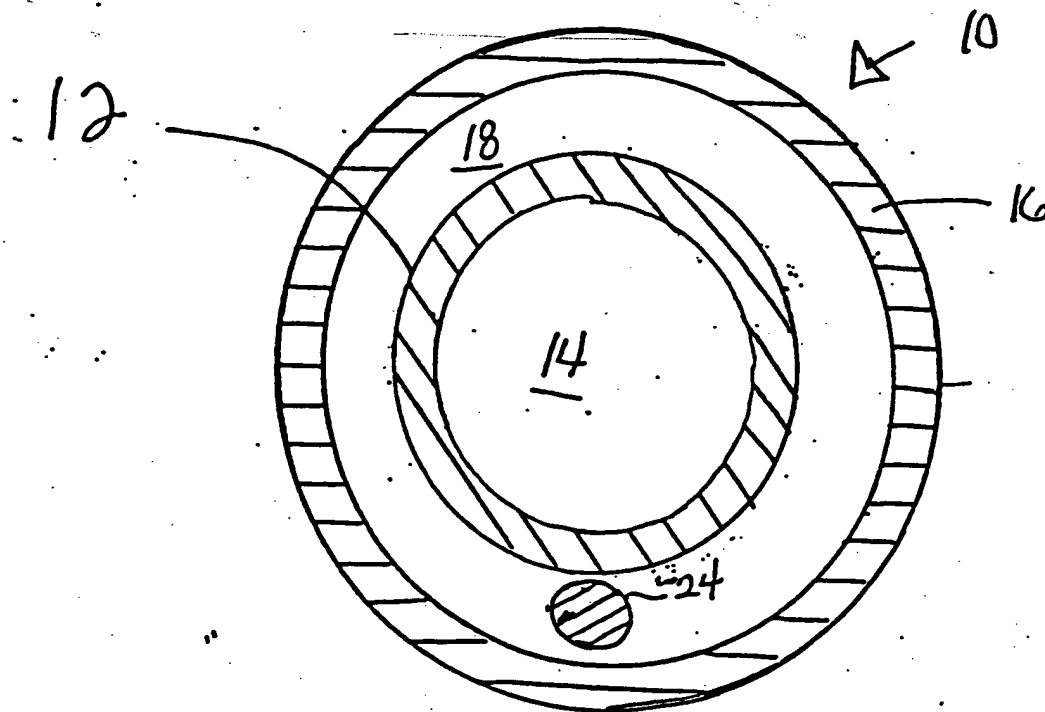
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ANNOTATED SHEET SHOWING CHANGES



~~Figure 1B Section A-A~~
FIG. 1B